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# Measures on double or resonant eigenvalues for linear Schrödinger operator

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## Abstract

In this paper we consider linear Schrödinger operator with double or resonant eigenvalues. The main result is the bound of the measure (in a suitable space of functions) of the potentials leading to such double or resonant eigenvalues. Namely we present measure type estimates evaluating neighborhoods of the so-called double or resonant set.

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## 1. Introduction

Let us consider the following linear Schrödinger operator

$$\mathcal{L}(V) = -\Delta + V$$

in a periodic setting ( $x \in \mathbb{T}^d$  with  $d \geq 1$ ). As  $\mathcal{L}$  is a symmetric operator, with a compact inverse, there eigenvectors  $\psi_j(V)$  form an Hilbert basis. Let  $\lambda_j(V)$  be the corresponding (real) eigenvalues sorted in increasing order.

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For some potentials  $V(x)$  all the eigenvalues are simple, however for some potentials, multiple eigenvalues may occur, see for instance [12], [9]. In this paper we want to bound the measure (in a suitable space of functions) of the potentials leading to double or resonant eigenvalues. For reference books about resonance problems for Schrödinger operator, the reader is for example referred to [10], [9] and [11]. For other resonance studies, see also [6–8,16]. For considerations around existence or absence of possible eigenvalues for the Schrödinger operator, the reader is referred to [14,15]. See also [3] for supraconductivity applications and reference cited therein. Note that many people are interesting in the control of the resonances of such operators in dimension  $d > 1$  in particular in view of applications to KAM theory (see for instance [1,2,5]).

Let  $B_s$  denote the usual Besov spaces  $B_2^{s,\infty}$  and introduce

$$\Sigma_{j,k} = \{V \in B_s \mid \lambda_j(V) = \lambda_k(V)\}$$

together with, for  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\Sigma_{j,k}^\varepsilon = \{V \in B_s \mid d_{B_s}(V, \Sigma_{j,k}) < \varepsilon\}.$$

Note that  $\mathcal{L}(V)$  being symmetric, we expect  $\Sigma_{j,k}$  to be of codimension 2 in  $B_s$ . The aim of this paper is to give a measure approach of this assertion, namely to bound the measure of  $\Sigma_{j,k}^\varepsilon$  by  $C\varepsilon^2$  for some constant  $C$ .

In fact we will be a little more precise and bound the measure of finite dimension approximations of  $\Sigma_{j,k}$  and  $\Sigma_{j,k}^\varepsilon$ . For this, let  $P_N$  denote the projector on the  $N$  first Fourier components. Let

$$\Sigma_{j,k}^N = \{V = P_N V \mid \lambda_j(V) = \lambda_k(V)\}$$

and for  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\Sigma_{j,k}^{N,\varepsilon} = \{V = P_N V \mid d_{B_s}(V, \Sigma_{j,k}^N) < \varepsilon\}.$$

In this paper we bound the measure of  $\Sigma_{j,k}^{N,\varepsilon}$  uniformly in  $\varepsilon < 1$  and  $N$ .

Of course we have to precise the types of measures we consider. We will focus on the following measures on Besov spaces  $B_s = B_2^{s,\infty}$ . We believe our proofs may be extended to many other cases, provided the measure is a tensor product of one-dimensional measures on each harmonic of  $V$ .

Let  $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a Fourier basis. Let  $\mu$  be the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ . We recall that if

$$V = \sum_n \alpha_n e_n,$$

its  $B_2^{s,\infty}$  Besov norm is defined by

$$\|V\|_{B_s} = \sup_n |\alpha_n| (1 + n^s).$$

We define  $\mu_{s,R}$  by

$$\mu_{s,R} = \bigotimes_{n \geq 0} (1 + n^s) \frac{\mu(\alpha_n)}{R}.$$

Note that if  $B_s(R)$  denotes the ball of radius  $R$  in  $B_s$ ,

$$\mu_{s,R}(B_s(R)) = 1.$$

So we want to prove that

$$\mu_{s,R}(\Sigma_{j,k}^{N,\varepsilon} \cap B_s(R)) \leq C\varepsilon^2 \quad (1)$$

uniformly in  $\varepsilon$  and  $N$ . More precisely we prove

**Theorem 1.1.** *Quasi-double eigenvalues for finite approximations. Let  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  being large enough. Let  $\rho_0 \in B^s$  and  $R > 0$  be such that for  $\rho \in \rho_0 + B_s(R)$ ,  $\lambda_j(\rho)$  is never a triple eigenvalue. Let us also assume that when  $\lambda_j(\rho)$  is a double eigenvalue ( $\lambda_j(\rho) = \lambda_k(\rho)$ ), with an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors  $(\psi_j(\rho), \psi_k(\rho))$ , then the following non-degeneracy condition holds true:*

$$\text{Vect}(|\psi_j|^2 - |\psi_k|^2, \psi_j \psi_k) \quad \text{is of dimension 2.}$$

Then there exists a constant  $C$  and an integer  $N_0$  such that for every  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  and every  $N > N_0$

$$\mu_{s,R,N}(\Sigma_{j,k}^{N,\varepsilon} \cap B_s(R)) \leq C\varepsilon^2,$$

and

$$\mu_{s,R}(\Sigma_{j,k}^{\varepsilon} \cap B_s(R)) \leq C\varepsilon^2.$$

**Remark.** Remark that we do not investigate uniformity in  $j$  in the previous theorem nor in Theorem 1.2 even if it could be a useful result to avoid all the resonances. Remark also that triple eigenvalues may be studied using similar methods even if it is more technical.

We will also detail a similar result on resonant sets. Let

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{j,k,l} &= \{V \in B_s \mid \lambda_j(V) + \lambda_k(V) = \lambda_l(V)\}, \\ \Sigma_{j,k,l}^{\varepsilon} &= \{V \in B_s \mid |\lambda_j(V) + \lambda_k(V) - \lambda_l(V)| < \varepsilon\} \end{aligned}$$

and their finite dimension approximations

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{j,k,l}^N &= \{V = P_N V \mid \lambda_j(V) + \lambda_k(V) = \lambda_l(V)\}, \\ \Sigma_{j,k,l}^{N,\varepsilon} &= \{V = P_N V \mid |\lambda_j(V) + \lambda_k(V) - \lambda_l(V)| < \varepsilon\}. \end{aligned}$$

We want to prove that

$$\mu_{s,R}(\Sigma_{j,k,l}^{N,\varepsilon} \cap B_s(R)) \leq C\varepsilon \quad (2)$$

uniformly in  $\varepsilon$  and  $N$ . More precisely we will prove

**Theorem 1.2.** *Quasiresonance for finite approximations. Let  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  being large enough. Let  $R > 0$  and  $\rho_0 \in B^s(\Omega)$  such that for every  $\rho \in \rho_0 + B_s(R)$ , the eigenvalues  $\lambda_j(\rho)$ ,  $\lambda_k(\rho)$  and  $\lambda_\ell(\rho)$  are simple, with related eigenvectors  $\psi_j(\rho)$ ,  $\psi_k(\rho)$  and  $\psi_\ell(\rho)$ . Let us assume moreover that*

$$\rho \mapsto |\psi_j(\rho)|^2 + |\psi_k(\rho)|^2 - |\psi_\ell(\rho)|^2 \quad \text{never identically vanishes.}$$

*Then there exists a constant  $C_1 > 0$  and an integer  $N_0$  such that for every  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$  and every  $N > N_0$*

$$\mu_{s,R}(\Sigma_{j,k,\ell}^{N,\varepsilon}) \leq C_1 \varepsilon,$$

*and such that for every  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ ,*

$$\mu_{s,R}(\Sigma_{j,k,\ell}^\varepsilon) \leq C_1 \varepsilon.$$

The proof of these theorems has two steps. First in Section 2 we study the local geometry of the eigenvalues and eigenvectors, both in the simple and multiple case. Then in Section 3 we state a general result which enables to bound measures of neighborhoods starting from almost normal vector fields. Application of Section 3 to Section 2 ends the proof.

## 2. Geometry of eigenvalues and eigenvectors

### 2.1. Simple eigenvalues

Let us begin by a formal computation. Let  $\lambda_j$  and  $\psi_j$  be an eigenvalue and an eigenvector for the potential  $V$ . Let  $\tilde{V}$  be a small perturbation. See for instance [4,13] for eigenvalues variation for Sturm–Liouville operators. Introducing a small parameter  $\varepsilon$  to better see the various orders of approximations, and assuming the eigenvalue and eigenvector of  $V + \varepsilon \tilde{V}$  are of the form  $\lambda_j + \varepsilon \tilde{\lambda}$  and  $\psi_j + \varepsilon \tilde{\psi}$  up to higher order terms, we are lead to equal  $\varepsilon$  terms in

$$(-\Delta + V + \varepsilon \tilde{V})(\psi_j + \varepsilon \tilde{\psi}) = (\lambda_j + \varepsilon \tilde{\lambda})(\psi_j + \varepsilon \tilde{\psi})$$

which gives

$$\tilde{V} \psi_j + (-\Delta + V) \tilde{\psi} = \tilde{\lambda} \psi_j + \lambda_j \tilde{\psi}. \quad (3)$$

Projecting on  $\psi_j$  and using the equation satisfied by  $\psi_j$ , we get

$$d\lambda_j(V) \cdot \tilde{V} = \int \tilde{V} |\psi_j|^2 \quad (4)$$

and projecting on the orthogonal of  $\psi_j$  gives

$$d\psi_j(V) \cdot \tilde{V} = (-\Delta + V - \lambda_j)^{-1} (1 - \Pi_j(V)) \left( \int \tilde{V} |\psi_j|^2 \psi_j - \tilde{V} \psi_j \right) \quad (5)$$

where  $\Pi_j(V)$  denotes the orthogonal projection on  $\psi_j$ . At this point, (4) and (5) are purely formal and will be proved below.

## 2.2. Multiple eigenvalues

Let us go on with formal computations, assuming now that  $\lambda_j(V)$  has multiplicity  $d' \geq 1$ . To simplify the notations assume, up to a reordering,

$$\lambda_1(V) = \lambda_2(V) = \dots = \lambda_{d'}(V).$$

Let us look for approximate eigenvalues of the form

$$\phi_j = \psi_j + \varepsilon \tilde{\phi}_j$$

and assume that the projection of  $\tilde{\phi}_j$  over  $\text{Vect}(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{d'})$  vanishes. Then

$$\mathcal{L}(V + \varepsilon \tilde{V})\phi_j = \lambda_j \psi_j + \varepsilon \tilde{V} \psi_j + \varepsilon \mathcal{L}(V)\tilde{\phi}_j + \varepsilon^2 \tilde{V}\tilde{\phi}_j.$$

The components of  $\mathcal{L}(V + \varepsilon \tilde{V})\phi_j$ , up to terms of order  $\varepsilon^2$  are

$$\lambda_j + \varepsilon \int \tilde{V} |\psi_j|^2$$

on  $\psi_j$  and

$$\varepsilon \int \tilde{V} \psi_j \bar{\psi}_k$$

on  $\psi_k$  with  $k \neq j$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq d'$ . Let

$$\lambda_{\text{lin},j,k} = \int \tilde{V} \psi_j \bar{\psi}_k.$$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(V + \varepsilon \tilde{V})\phi_j - \lambda_j \phi_j - \varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^{d'} \lambda_{\text{lin},j,k} \phi_k \\ = -\varepsilon \lambda_j \tilde{\phi}_j + \varepsilon \tilde{V} \psi_j + \varepsilon \mathcal{L}(V)\tilde{\phi}_j + \varepsilon^2 \tilde{V}\tilde{\phi}_j - \varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^{d'} \lambda_{\text{lin},j,k} \phi_k. \end{aligned}$$

Note that by definition of  $\lambda_{\text{lin},j,k}$  the components of the right-hand side on  $\psi_k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq d'$  are of order  $\varepsilon^2$ . And its component in the orthogonal space to  $\text{Vect}(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{d'})$  is of order  $\varepsilon^2$  provided we choose

$$\tilde{\phi}_j = -(\mathcal{L}(V) - \lambda_j)^{-1} (1 - \Pi) \tilde{V} \psi_j$$

where  $\Pi$  is the orthogonal projector on  $\text{Vect}(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{d'})$ .

Let  $A$  be defined in the basis  $(\phi_k)_{1 \leq k \leq d'}$  by

$$A = (\lambda_k \delta_{j,k} + \varepsilon \lambda_{\text{lin},j,k})_{1 \leq j,k \leq d'}.$$

Note that

$$\mathcal{L}(V + \varepsilon \tilde{V})\phi_j - A\phi_j$$

is of order  $\varepsilon^2$ , hence up to terms of order  $\varepsilon^2$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(V + \varepsilon \tilde{V})$  has the same eigenvalues as the  $d' \times d'$  array

$$A = \left( \lambda_k \delta_{j,k} + \varepsilon \int \tilde{V} \psi_j \bar{\psi}_k \right)_{1 \leq j,k \leq d'}.$$

To justify all the above assertions, note that provided  $s$  is large enough,  $B_{s/2}$  norms of  $\tilde{\phi}_j$  may be bounded in terms of  $B_s$  norms of  $V$ ,  $\tilde{V}$  and  $\psi_j$ . Similarly  $B_{s/2}$  norms of  $\mathcal{L}(V + \varepsilon \tilde{V})\phi_j - A\phi_j$  may be bounded by  $C\varepsilon^2$ , the constant depending on  $B_s$  norms of  $V$ .

As  $A$  is symmetric, there exist  $d'$  vectors

$$\theta_k = \sum_{j=1}^{d'} \lambda_{j,k} \phi_j$$

and  $d'$  scalars  $\mu_k$  such that

$$A\theta_k = \mu_k \theta_k.$$

Note that  $\mathcal{L}(V + \varepsilon \tilde{V})\theta_k - \mu_k \theta_k$  is of order  $\varepsilon^2$  in  $B_{s/2}$  norm. As  $\mathcal{L}(V + \varepsilon \tilde{V})$  is diagonal in some orthonormal basis, this means that the various  $\mu_k$  are close to the various  $\lambda_j(V + \varepsilon \tilde{V})$  up to  $\varepsilon^2$  terms, and similarly for the eigenvectors.

Let us now detail the cases  $d' = 1$  and  $d' = 2$ . For  $d' = 1$ ,  $A$  is simply a scalar and we get

$$\lambda_1(V + \varepsilon \tilde{V}) = \lambda_1(V) + \varepsilon \int \tilde{V} \psi_1 \bar{\psi}_1 + O(\varepsilon^2).$$

In particular  $\lambda_1$  is differentiable and

$$d\lambda_1(V) \cdot \tilde{V} = \int \tilde{V} \psi_1 \bar{\psi}_1.$$

Moreover

$$\psi_1(V + \varepsilon \tilde{V}) = \psi_1(V) - (\mathcal{L}(V) - \lambda_j)^{-1} (1 - \Pi) \tilde{V} \psi_j + O(\varepsilon^2).$$

Hence the eigenvector  $\psi_1$  is differentiable in  $V$  with

$$d\psi_1(V) \tilde{V} = -(\mathcal{L}(V) - \lambda_j)^{-1} (1 - \Pi) \tilde{V} \psi_1.$$

Let us turn to the case  $d' = 2$ . We get that the two eigenvalues  $\lambda_1(V + \varepsilon \tilde{V})$  and  $\lambda_2(V + \varepsilon \tilde{V})$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1(V) + \frac{1}{2} \left( \int \tilde{V} |\psi_1|^2 + \int \tilde{V} |\psi_2|^2 \right) \\ \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left( \int \tilde{V} |\psi_1|^2 - \int \tilde{V} |\psi_2|^2 \right)^2 + 4 \left( \int \tilde{V} \psi_1 \cdot \bar{\psi}_2 \right)^2} + O(\varepsilon^2). \end{aligned}$$

Note that eigenvectors of  $\mathcal{L}(V + \varepsilon \tilde{V})$  lie, up to  $O(\varepsilon^2)$  terms in

$$\text{Vect}(\psi_1, \psi_2) - (\mathcal{L}(V) - \lambda_j)^{-1} (1 - \Pi) \tilde{V} \text{Vect}(\psi_1, \psi_2).$$

In particular  $\text{Vect}(\psi_1, \psi_2)$  changes smoothly with  $V$ .

We will define the plane  $\Pi$  by

$$\Pi(V) = \text{Vect}(|\psi_1|^2 - |\psi_2|^2, \psi_1 \psi_2).$$

Simple calculations show that  $\Pi(V)$  is independent on the particular choice of the orthonormal basis of eigenvectors, and only depends on  $\text{Vect}(\psi_1, \psi_2)$ . As a consequence,  $\Pi(V)$  changes smoothly with  $V$ .

### 3. Vector spaces almost normal to a set

#### 3.1. Definition

Let  $\phi$  be some Lipschitz continuous function from  $B_s$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  and from  $B_\sigma$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let

$$\Sigma = \{x \mid \phi(x) = 0\} \subset B_s,$$

and let

$$\Sigma^N = \Sigma \cap \{x = P_N x\} \subset \mathbb{R}^N.$$

We also define for every  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\Sigma^\varepsilon = \{x \mid d_{B_s}(x, \Sigma) < \varepsilon\},$$

and

$$\Sigma^{N,\varepsilon} = \{x \mid x = P_N x, d_{B_s}(x, \Sigma^N) < \varepsilon\}.$$

We will play with three vector spaces:  $L^2$  (space where the vector will take their values),  $B_\sigma$  (space where various error terms will be bounded), and  $B_s$  (extra regularity). We will assume

$$d < \sigma < s.$$

In particular  $B_\sigma \subset L^2$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Almost normals to  $\Sigma$ . A collection of  $d'$  smooth vector fields  $u_1(x), \dots, u_{d'}(x)$  is called almost normal to  $\Sigma$  if

- (H1) for every  $1 \leq j \leq d'$ ,  $u_j$  is Lipschitz continuous from  $B_\sigma$  to  $L^2$ , with Lipschitz constant  $k_0$  and continuous from  $B_s$  to  $B_\sigma$ ;  
 (H2) there exists a constant  $\gamma > 0$  such that for every  $x \in B_\sigma$ ,

$$\left| \det \left( (u_j(x) \mid u_k(x))_{L^2} \right)_{1 \leq j, k \leq d'} \right| > \gamma;$$

- (H3) there exists smooth functions  $\alpha_1(x), \dots, \alpha_{d'}(x)$ , a constant  $\alpha > 0$  and a constant  $C_0 > 0$  such that for every  $x$  with  $d(x, \Sigma^N) < \alpha$

$$\left| \phi(y) - \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{d'} (u_j(x) \cdot (y - x) - \alpha_j(x))^2} \right| \leq C_0 \|y - x\|_{H^\sigma}^2$$

for every  $y \in H^s$ .

### 3.2. Measure of neighborhoods

**Proposition 3.2.** *Measure estimates.* Let  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  being large enough and  $R > 0$ . If there exists a collection of  $d'$  smooth vector fields  $u_1(x), \dots, u_{d'}(x)$  which is almost normal to  $\Sigma$  then there exists a constant  $C(R)$  such that for every  $\varepsilon$  small enough

$$\mu_{s,R}(\Sigma^{N,\varepsilon} \cap B_s(R)) \leq C(R)\varepsilon^{d'} \quad (6)$$

and

$$\mu_{s,R}(\Sigma^\varepsilon \cap B_s(R)) \leq C(R)\varepsilon^{d'}. \quad (7)$$

**Proof.** Let  $\eta > 0$ . Let

$$M_\sigma = \sup_{1 \leq j \leq d'} \sup_{x \in B_s(R)} \|u_j(x)\|_{B_\sigma}$$

which is finite using (H1). Note that for every  $j$ , provided  $\sigma$  is large enough,

$$\|u_j(x) - P_N u_j(x)\|_{L^2} \leq \frac{M_\sigma}{N},$$

therefore if we choose  $N > N_0$  with

$$N_0 > \frac{M_\sigma}{\eta},$$

we get

$$\|u_j(x) - P_N u_j(x)\|_{L^2} < \eta.$$



Next we cut off high frequencies of  $x$ . If  $P_N x = P_N y$  then using (H1)

$$\|u_j(x) - u_j(y)\|_{L^2} \leq k_0 \|x - y\|_{B_\sigma} \leq \frac{k_0}{N^{s-\sigma}} \|x - y\|_{B_s} \leq \frac{2Rk_0}{N^{s-\sigma}}.$$

We therefore choose  $N \geq N_1$  such that

$$\frac{2k_0 R}{N_1^{s-\sigma}} \leq \eta.$$

Then for every  $x \in B_s(R)$  and for every  $N > N_1$ ,

$$\|u_j(x) - u_j(P_N(x))\|_{L^2} \leq \eta. \quad (8)$$

Let

$$\eta' < \frac{\eta}{k_0},$$

where  $k_0$  is the Lipschitz constant given by (H1). As  $P_{N_1} B_s(R)$  is compact it may be covered by a finite number of balls  $B_s(x_i, \eta')$  of radius  $\eta'$ . Now if  $x$  and  $y$  are such that  $P_{N_1}(x)$  and  $P_{N_1}(y)$  both are in  $B_s(x_i, \eta')$ , then

$$\|u_j(x) - u_j(y)\|_{L^2} \leq 3\eta.$$

Let

$$B_i^N = (B_s(x_i, \eta') \times \mathbb{R}^{N-N_1}) \cap B_s(R).$$

Let us fix some  $i$  and introduce

$$V_i = \text{Vect}(P_{N_1} u_1(x_i), \dots, P_{N_1} u_{d'}(x_i)).$$

For  $x \in B_i^N$  we define

$$A_x = (x + V_i) \cap B_i^N.$$

Let

$$\theta_x = \min_{x' \in A_x} |\phi(x')|.$$

Let  $K$  be a Lipschitz constant for  $\phi$ . Assume first  $\theta_x > K\varepsilon$ . If  $x_0 \in \Sigma$  and  $x' \in A_x$  then

$$|\phi(x') - \phi(x_0)| = |\phi(x')| \leq K \|x' - x_0\|_{H^s}$$

therefore

$$d(x', \Sigma) > \frac{\theta_x}{K} > \varepsilon,$$

which implies that  $x' \notin \Sigma^{N,\varepsilon}$ . Hence  $A_x \cap \Sigma^{N,\varepsilon} = \emptyset$ .

Let us now assume on the contrary  $\theta_x \leq K\varepsilon$ . Let  $x'$  be a point where  $\theta_x$  is attained. Assumption (H3) with  $x = x'$  and  $y = x'$  gives

$$\sqrt{\sum_{1 \leq j \leq d} |\alpha_j(x')|^2} = |\phi(x')| \leq K\varepsilon.$$

We also have

$$u_j(x').y = P_{N_1} u_j(x_i).y + (u_j(x') - u_j(x_i)).y + (u_j(x_i) - P_{N_1} u_j(x_i)).y$$

and

$$\|u_j(x') - u_j(x_i)\|_{L^2} \leq 3\eta,$$

hence

$$|u_j(x').y - \alpha_j(x')| - |P_{N_1} u_j(x_i).y - \alpha_j(x')| \leq 4\eta \|y\|_{L^2}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(x' + y)| &\geq \sqrt{\sum_{1 \leq j \leq d'} |P_{N_1} u_j(x_i).y - \alpha_j(x')|^2 - 4\eta d' \|y\|_{L^2} - C_0 \|y\|_{H^\sigma}^2} \\ &\geq \sqrt{\sum_{1 \leq j \leq d'} |P_{N_1} u_j(x_i).y|^2 - 4\eta d' \|y\|_{L^2} - C_0 \|y\|_{H^\sigma}^2 - K\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $W_i$  be a  $(N_1 - d')$ -dimensional vector space, orthogonal complementary of  $V_i$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{N_1}$  for the usual scalar product ( $L^2$  scalar product). Let  $e_j = P_{N_1} u_j(x)$ , and let us complete  $(e_j)_{1 \leq j \leq d'}$  by an orthonormal basis of  $W_i$ , to get a basis  $(e_j)_{1 \leq j \leq N_1}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{N_1}$ . Let

$$Q_1(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{d'}) = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d'} |P_{N_1} u_j(x_i).y|^2,$$

where

$$y = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d'} \beta_j e_j,$$

$$Q_2(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{d'}) = \left\| \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d'} \beta_j P_{N_1} u_j(x_i) \right\|_{L^2}^2$$

and

$$Q_3(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{d'}) = \left\| \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d'} \beta_j P_{N_1} u_j(x_i) \right\|_{H^\sigma}^2.$$

These are three quadratic forms on  $V_i$ , which are positive definite. Moreover

$$|\phi(x' + y)| \geq Q_1(\beta)^{1/2} - 4d'\eta Q_2(\beta)^{1/2} - C_0 Q_3(\beta) - K\varepsilon.$$

Let us also introduce

$$Q_0(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{d'}) = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq d'} \beta_j^2.$$

The quadratic forms  $Q_0$ ,  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$  and  $Q_3$  are equivalent since we are in a finite-dimensional subspace. In particular, if  $\eta$  is small enough, and  $C_1$  large enough,

$$64d'^2\eta^2 Q_2(\beta) < Q_1(\beta) < C_1 Q_2(\beta)$$

and

$$Q_3(\beta) \leq C_2 Q_1(\beta)$$

for some constant  $C_2$ . The main point is that all these constants are uniform and depend only on the constants given by assumptions (H1) and (H2) and not on  $x$ . Note first that (H2) is satisfied for  $P_{N_1}u_j(x)$  and  $\gamma/2$  instead of  $\gamma$  provided  $\eta$  is small enough.

As the  $e_j$  are bounded in  $L^2$ ,  $Q_1$  is dominated by  $Q_0$  with a constant depending only on  $d'$  and  $M_\sigma$ . On the contrary by Gram Schmidt orthogonalization, using (H2),  $Q_1$  is positive definite (with constants depending only on  $\gamma$ ,  $d$  and  $M_\sigma$ ) and dominates  $Q_0$ .

Similarly, using (H2), we see that the components  $\beta_j$  of  $y$  in the basis  $e_j$  are uniformly bounded as  $\|y\|_{L^2}$  remains bounded, therefore  $Q_2$  and  $Q_3$  are dominated by  $Q_0$ .

Moreover  $Q_3 \geq Q_2$  and using (H2),  $Q_2$  dominates  $Q_0$ .

Hence

$$|\phi(x' + y)| \geq \frac{Q_1(\beta)^{1/2}}{2} - C_0 C_2 Q_1(\beta) - K\varepsilon.$$

Hence if

$$C_0^2 C_2^2 Q_1(\beta) < \frac{1}{16} \tag{9}$$

then

$$|\phi(x' + y)| \geq \frac{Q_1(\beta)^{1/2}}{4} - K\varepsilon. \tag{10}$$

Condition (9) is satisfied if  $\eta$  is small enough (depending on  $C_0$ ,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ). This gives  $|\phi(x' + y)| > \varepsilon$  provided

$$Q_1(\beta)^{1/2} > 4(K + 1)\varepsilon$$

which is satisfied provided

$$\|y\|_{L^2} > C_4(K + 1)\varepsilon.$$

This leads to

$$\mu_{N_1}(A_x \cap \Sigma^{N,\varepsilon}) \leq C(d')(K+1)^{d'} \varepsilon^{d'}$$

where  $\mu_{N_1}$  is the Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^{N_1}$ . This is valid for any  $x$ , with a constant  $C(d')$  independent of  $x$ . Summing in  $x$  and  $i$  ends the proof.  $\square$

#### 4. End of the proofs

Let us now apply Section 3 to Section 2, first to quasis resonances then to double eigenvalues.

##### 4.1. Proof of Theorem 1.2

In this case

$$\phi = \lambda_j + \lambda_k - \lambda_l.$$

We take  $u_1 = d\phi$  defined by

$$u_1(V) = |\psi_j|^2 + |\psi_k|^2 - |\psi_l|^2.$$

Note that assumptions (H1)–(H3) are satisfied, hence Proposition 3.2 implies Theorem 1.2.

##### 4.2. Proof of Theorem 1.1

In this case

$$\phi = \lambda_j - \lambda_k.$$

We choose

$$u_1 = |\psi_1|^2 - |\psi_2|^2$$

and

$$u_2 = \psi_1 \psi_2.$$

Proposition 3.2 then implies Theorem 1.1.

**Remark.** Our method being geometric could be used in general context. This explains the general hypothesis (H1)–(H3) with general  $\alpha_j$ .

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